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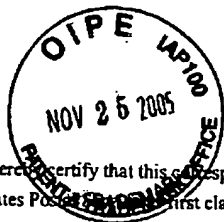
Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10534926 in the amount of \$1,255.00 has been denied .

Applicant has 15 claims, but multiples occur in claims 8-15 which is where the additional fees became due.

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In re application of:

GIOVANNI BOSCO CANNELLI

Application No. 10/534,926

Filed: May 13, 2005

For: HIGH-RESOLUTION AND HIGH-
POWER ULTRASOUND METHOD
AND DEVICE, FOR SUBMARINE
EXPLORATION

Customer No. 20350

Confirmation No. 1742

Examiner: [unknown]

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3662

REQUEST FOR REFUND

San Francisco, CA 94111
November 21, 2005

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Sir:

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The Monthly Statement of Deposit Account dated September 30, 2005 charged applicant an additional filing fee of \$1,255 (\$1,075--fee code 2615, and \$180--fee code 2616),

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and the official filing receipt indicates that the filing fee of \$1,705 was received. Copies of the applicable Deposit Account Statement excerpt and the filing receipt are also attached.

Applicant submits that the proper filing fee for this application is \$450, and not \$1,705. Accordingly, applicant requests that the refund in the amount of \$1,255 to which he is entitled be credited to Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be helpful, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 273-4730 (direct dial).

Respectfully submitted,


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